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SUBJECT: St. Clair County - LPC 163 121 03 - Sauget/Toxic Dump  
Comprehensive sampling by USEPA and TAT

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On November 12, 1981 the sampling of the alledged leachate emanating from the west wall of the Sauget/Toxic site was conducted by the Technical Assistance Team under the direction of U.S.E.P.A., Region V. The sampling was conducted with the cooperation of Monsanto Corporation, the owner of the site; Richard Sinise and Steve Smith as their representatives. They were present during the sampling procedures and the decontamination of the TAT members. Also present were Tony Holoska, Richard Boice, and Mike O'Tool, U.S.E.P.A., Region V.

Three sample locations were selected, which were all approximately 15 yards from the river's edge along the beach. Water samples were collected from the seeps by digging holes and then implacing stainless steel pails so as to collect the seeping liquid. Class A protection (self-contained breathing apparatus and enclosed protective clothing) was utilized by all of the TAT members doing the sampling. Soil samples were collected from each of the points using stainless steel trowels. Compliment soil and water samples were also collected for Monsanto by TAT.

Discussions with Tony Holoska, who has replaced Dave Ditraglia in coordinating the U.S.E.P.A.'s efforts, revealed that lab results from these samples may not be available until February through April 1982. The length of time is primarily due to complicated laboratory procedures which must be conducted.

Presently, no remedial action has been proposed or discussed by Monsanto or the U.S.E.P.A., formally. Likewise, enforcement action preventing Monsanto from taking "action" without the benefit of coordination with the U.S.E.P.A. or the Agency has not been discussed. It seems that certain strategies and contingencies need to be thoroughly discussed between the Agency and Region V so that when sample results have been completed, both government bodies will have synchronous ideals aimed towards a practical and environmentally safe resolution of the problem.

By this memo, it is suggested that a meeting between the Region V involved parties and their attorneys, with the involved parties of the Agency, occur in the near future for discussions in these matters.

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